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PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

In his first interview with Brief Acting Chief Constable Dave Whatton talks about the importance of putting people at the heart of GMP....

People will be at the heart of everything we do in Greater Manchester Police, according to Acting Chief Constable Dave Whatton.

"The way we can make a real difference is by ensuring that we put people at the centre of what we do," he said.

"We have had some tremendous success in tackling crime and in the past six years have reduced burglary by 50 per cent, which is a fantastic achievement. We need to continue to improve our performance and that means looking at changing how we do business to put people first."

Mr Whatton is leading the Charting The Way programme of work, which was this month unveiled to Divisional and Branch Commanders. It identifies the future development of the force and five areas of activity where people – both our own officers and staff, and individual members of the public – are the key.

QUALITY OF SERVICE

"Charting The Way sets out clearly the priorities for how we all need to take the Force forward," he explained. "It is about having a citizen focus, putting people at the centre of our work to improve the quality of service, strengthen neighbourhood policing and tackle volume crime.

"To make these changes we need to have the right level of resources, to



develop leaders and teams, and to ensure people have the necessary professional expertise. This is a major development which will take place over the next two years."

Mr Whatton, who became Acting Chief Constable in March, is passionate about the impact the work can have on the service GMP provides to the people of Greater Manchester.

He added: "We have been able to secure a budget settlement that will

allow us to put extra officers back into communities. This has only been possible because we have the confidence of local authorities and partner agencies. They have seen the achievements we have made in the past six years made possible through the hard work, professionalism and dedication of everyone in GMP.

"We regularly receive praise for how we manage to deal with the big jobs and large scale events. We have cut crime and we

have been rated as excellent in tackling serious and organised crime. But we need to get better at responding to people's needs – listening, reacting and making a difference in neighbourhoods."

SUCCESS

And what does success look like? Mr Whatton says: "It will be when officers and staff are not only openly proud of the work that they do, but also openly proud

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PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

By Amanda Coleman

SEVEN divisions in GMP are being given extra support to prevent violent extremism.

North Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan, Trafford, Rochdale, Bolton, Bury and Oldham have been identified as priority areas to lead the way on the new Police 'Prevent' work within the counter terrorism strategy.

Developed by the ACPO Terrorism and Allied Matters Group, and still to be finalised, it involves GMP CTU officers working closely with Neighbourhood Policing colleagues to tackle terrorism and extremism.

Assistant Chief Constable Justine Curran said: "This is a really crucial strand of work both for police and partner agencies. Tackling terrorism and extremism is something we can all help with, particularly when working at the heart of communities.

"Neighbourhood Policing teams know their area and can recognise at an early stage when something isn't quite right – that is when they can use the counter terrorism liaison officers."

The Police Prevent Plan has four key priorities:

- Engaging with all communities to gain trust and confidence
- Supporting vulnerable institutions and groups
- Intervening with individuals where appropriate
- Managing the consequences of enforcement

Prevent is just one strand of the government's four-part Counter Terrorism Strategy – codenamed Contest – and additional work is already underway in the other parts – Pursue, Prepare and Protect.

Pursue – overt investigations teams have handled the arrest of a number of terrorist suspects and undertaken detailed investigations. Intelligence gathering is carried out by covert investigations officers who gain useful information and also liaise with MI5.

Prepare – the Specialist Operations Branch has responsibility for developing emergency plans in the event of any attack. They work with the CTU, relevant branches

and key partners to develop the plans, which are subject to regular reviews and testing through exercises.

Protect – a team of Counter Terrorism Security Advisors provide advice and information to businesses and vulnerable locations. They have developed Project Griffin to share key information with relevant groups and are undertaking a programme of work to raise awareness of Operation Argus designed to inform businesses what they need to do to prepare for a possible attack.

Det Chief Supt Tony Porter said: "It has been an incredibly busy year but we have had some significant successes. As well as having five people convicted as part of terrorist investigations we have also disrupted others from their activities.

"We have only been able to do this work with the support of GMP officers and staff and with communities across Greater Manchester. Their support and delivery of information has made a real difference to the safety and security both in Greater Manchester and across the nation."

Amongst GMP CTU successes in its first year are the sentencing of Omar Altimimi to nine years for terrorist offences and Yusuf Abdullah to three years for proceeds of crime offences. In November 2007, Abdul Rahman pleaded guilty to terror offences and was sentenced to six years. In January 2008, Steven Kerr Robinson and Wayne Cook were jailed for a total of 12 years for terrorist offences.

- The first television advert to promote the Anti-Terrorist Hotline has been produced for a GMP Counter Terrorism Unit campaign.

The ad, produced by Channel M, encourages people to store and keep the number – 0800 789 321 – for when they may need to use it.

It was shown on Channel M from mid February to mid March and is now available on the GMP website and through YouTube. A version is also available for presentations.



Yoko's a gem

She may be a German Shepherd, but Yoko the guide dog is also a golden retriever.

Bolton police have donated £400 worth of unclaimed jewellery from their lost property store to Guide Dogs for the Blind as a thank you for them helping train student police officers.

Rooms at the Guide Dog Centre on Devonshire Road, Bolton, have been used to teach trainees, and its staff also provided practical training to make the recruits aware of the particular needs of blind and partially-sighted people.

Five-year-old Yoko belongs to Jackie Fielding, from the typing pool at Bolton

Police HQ, who is one of a dozen blind and partially-sighted volunteers who have helped teach students how to guide a blind person and also make them aware of the hazards that blind people face.

Sergeant Rachel Bedford said: "The staff and volunteers at Bolton Guide Dogs for the Blind have been absolutely fabulous in supporting the training of student officers at Bolton.

"They have allowed us the use of their classroom facilities and freely given up their time to help widen the experiences of student officers. We are delighted to be able to donate this jewellery to help them continue their good work."

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of the high standards of work done by all of their colleagues, where communities and individuals across Greater Manchester trust us with their safety and security, and that our achievements are recognised nationally as being excellent. I am confident that we can and will get where we all want to be."

The five streams of work under Charting The Way – Citizen Focus, Local Policing, Supply and Demand, Leadership and Excellent People – have been developed following the responses from 5,000 members of GMP who were consulted at the end of 2007.

PRIORITIES

So what is the Force's priority? According to Mr Whatton the focus is still

on 'fighting crime, protecting people', but doing it in a way that members of the public can see that we care about them and that everyone in GMP can see that we care about each other.

"We all have a part to play in taking GMP forward and in making GMP the best it can be for our communities," he said. "It is a message that I will be taking out when I talk to people in the coming weeks and months. Divisional and Branch Commanders have already been involved and will start to talk to you about what the future looks like.

"We have come a long way in the past six years and a lot of work lies ahead. This is a journey that we need to continue to ensure we are making a real difference to people's lives in communities across Greater Manchester."

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CZECH-MATE FOR BOLTON KILLERS

By Kate Wiggans

TWO killers who fled Britain within hours of murdering their boss are today in jail after GMP negotiated the first ever extradition of wanted men to Britain from the Czech Republic.

"BMI Baby finally agreed to carry them, but only one at a time and in each case with the suspect surrounded by police officers."

Brandejs, 27, pleaded guilty to murdering Parvaiz Iqbal and was sentenced to 17 years in jail. Motl, 33, who pleaded

Once it was established that the pair had flown to Prague hours after the murder, the complex process to agree local and European arrest warrants and the extradition process began.

When all the paperwork had been cleared officers travelled to



GUILTY: Jiri Motl



GUILTY: Vladmir Brandejs



VICTIM: Parvaiz Iqbal

Jiri Motl and Vladmir Brandejs thought they had escaped justice when they boarded a plane from Manchester Airport for Prague with their ill-gotten gains.

Their country had only been in the EU for four years and there had never previously been a successful extradition.

But detectives from GMP's Major Incident Team followed them out and assisted the local authorities from the Central Police Administration of Central Bohemia as they arrested the pair at machine-gun point at their homes in Kladno, near Prague.

Det Chief Insp Peter Giles said: "The Czech police were excellent and obviously keen to help our team."

SURVEILLANCE

"They placed the pair under surveillance and even tracked down a stolen mobile phone they had brought back with them after fleeing the UK."

"The chief problem was physically getting them back to Britain because airlines didn't want them on board as they were classed as dangerous and you are not allowed to handcuff a person during a flight."

not guilty but was convicted by a jury at Manchester Crown Court, received a 28-year sentence.

Forty-one-year-old Mr Iqbal employed the pair in his small building firm but they plotted to rob him.

They went to his house in Deane, Bolton, and attacked him with a metal pan and a wooden mallet, hitting him over the head so viciously that the pan was bent out of shape.

A nearby flat on Derby Street where the two Czechs had been staying revealed strong evidence linking them to the murder, including traces of Mr Iqbal's blood and matches to bloody fingerprints found at the scene.

Kladno and the two men were arrested.

Parvaiz's gold Nokia phone was recovered from a man who had bought it from a local shop and the proprietor confirmed that Motl had sold it to him for the equivalent of about £120. This was key evidence in the trial.

DCI Giles said: "This was a truly sickening case of a man who was brutally beaten to death for just a few pounds."

"His attackers then calmly collected their belongings and flew out of the UK."

"This was a complex case very professionally handled by the team and we are really pleased with the result."



Murder weapons used: the handle snapped off the mallet and the metal pan was bent out of shape by the repeated savage blows

Are we failing victims of crime?

Support charity presses for bigger role

MANY victims of crime are being let down by police because of a failure to recognise the usefulness of volunteer helpers, a former senior GMP officer has claimed.

Retired Det Chief Supt Glyn Morgan said "Most police officers arrive at a scene and understandably start thinking about detection."

"But what they should also be concentrating on is the victim, and if they do it right they will free up more of their time to set about searching for the perpetrator."

Mr Morgan is the North West Regional Manager of the Victim Support and Witness Service, an organisation set up 30 years ago that is being dramatically re-vamped into a single national entity instead of a number of constituent self-governing parts.

The Victim section is now being run in a model successfully piloted in Salford in 2006/7.

It hopes to expand significantly and is preparing a push to attract hundreds more volunteers in Greater Manchester and across the country.

UNDER-USED

Currently around 560 volunteers and 105 staff operate in Greater Manchester but Mr Morgan believes they are under-used in the areas where they can do the best work.

"Our problem lies chiefly in getting consent for our people to approach victims in the most extreme circumstances where they need our volunteers most."

"Research suggests that around 18 per cent of victims of most crimes need the kind of support we offer, but in the cases of homicide, sex crimes, domestic abuse and deaths on the road, this jumps to a massive 75 per cent."

"Unfortunately, it is in these kinds of situations where we are not being called in and that means a lot of people who really need urgent help are being denied it for the want of a tick in a box."

"The police officer has to get

the consent of the victim in these cases before we can approach and too often officers fail to take the opportunity to do this vital task."

"Our people have undergone training in dealing with stressful situations and can provide practical help and emotional support to the victims, sometimes over a long period of time."

"This can be very useful to the officers as it allows them more time to concentrate on doing their job."

"Victim Support fills a void in the criminal justice system and, by supporting victims later, when they come to court to give evidence, it helps them to have more confidence in the system."

GOAL

"Our goal is to get 100 per cent referrals but that will only happen if police officers start thinking about both detection AND victim."

Insp John Gill, who has responsibility for victim and witness management in GMP's Criminal Justice Division, said: "The main responsibility of the police is the investigation of the crime and we do not have the capacity, nor indeed the experience, to support victims effectively to any great extent."

"The Victim Support and Witness Service effectively fills this void, providing us with something positive to offer the victim immediately, and that can be extremely important."

"The volunteers' usefulness should never be underestimated and it is vital that victims and witnesses are given access to the service, which in many cases is as simple as asking a question of the victim and ticking a box on a crime document."

To find out how to refer victims to the service, officers should visit the Criminal Justice Division Intranet site.

Anyone who wants to know more about the organisation should view their website at www.victimsupport-gm.co.uk or contact Ann McKeever on 0161 727 1376.

MURDER, THEY WROTE

Brought to book – the art of investigation



Det Supt Tony Cook (left) with Andy Tattersall and the SIOs' Handbook now available online and at all good bookshops.

TOP detectives Tony Cook and Andy Tattersall are building on more than 50 years of investigative experience to help solve homicides around the country.

They have offered other detectives the opportunity to take a leaf out of their book – literally.

The GMP pair have written the Senior Investigating Officers' Handbook, a definitive guide to dealing with major crime, particularly homicide.

Published by Oxford University Press, it concentrates on the methodology of murder cases based upon their time working as Senior Investigating Officers.

Det Supt Cook, based at Chester House, was approached about the idea in 2006 while at the launch in London of another police guidebook also published by OUP.

They said they wanted an SIO's handbook written by someone from a force other than the Met, and GMP had just won an Excellence rating from HMIC for its work on serious and major crime.

Knowing he couldn't possibly find the spare time required on his own, he spoke to his friend and long-time colleague, Andy, a retired detective superintendent now employed at Chadderton as the Force's Senior Investigating Officer.

"We sat down, thought about a structure, decided it was possible though it would entail a huge amount of work, and set to it," said Tony.

"There are lots of books on the subject by academics but this one is more a practical hands-on guide.

"Throughout my career in CID I always took notes and kept them over the years as a developing *aide memoire*, so there was already a starting point."

Andy, who won a national award in 2006 for

his work in homicide investigations added: "We feel the book fills a gap in the market place.

"We are not arguing that this is the definitive object lesson in how to do investigations, but it sits comfortably with other manuals that tackle the same basic subject."

They start with the fundamental ABC premise when approaching a crime scene: Assume nothing, Believe nothing, Challenge and Check everything.

And what follows over nearly 500 pages is a unique one-stop guide to all the processes and actions involved in conducting major investigations.

It explains all the factors integral to the role of SIO and is designed to be a portable and accessible point of reference, encompassing all the vital elements required for mounting successful investigations.

The volume condenses ACPO guidance, core doctrines, legislation and procedures into one volume. And it provides practical advice, cases and checklists for each stage of the investigation from initial response to crime scene assessment; evidence gathering, dealing with suspects and liaising with the media.

It also provides guidance on handling non-homicide major enquiries such as missing persons and infant deaths.

The former Head of GMP CID, Peter Stelfox, now Head of Investigative Practice at the National Policing Improvement Agency, wrote the book's forward.

He said: "Homicide is unique in the huge variation of ways and circumstances in which it can be committed, which makes it difficult for SIOs to know how to approach each individual case. Also, as it is a rare crime, few investigators get the opportunity to be involved in cases across the spectrum.

"But Tony and Andy both belong to that small group of highly experienced SIOs and have distilled that experience in their book to provide an insight into the approach they have developed to the many challenges SIOs face.

"Not everyone will agree with their approach on every occasion. However it would be a good first step for anyone faced with a homicide investigation to know what approach these two would have taken."

RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTS

By Laura Bimpson

POLICE officers in safety critical roles are to be randomly tested for drugs and alcohol from the end of this month.

The policy has been introduced following changes in the Police Amendments Act 2005, which requires Forces to carry out random testing. A total of 31 forces are already carrying it out and the remainder are expected to bring it in later this year.

Testing will cover firearms officers - including commanders - Police Search Advisor (POLSA) officers, force duty officers and those authorised to use police exemptions under the road traffic act. Those working in vulnerable posts such as

drug units will also be tested.

"This policy has been in development for some time and we have worked closely with the Police Federation and Human Resources over its implementation," said Acting Assistant Chief Constable Terry Sweeney, lead on Professional Standards.

"Officers have a responsibility to be fit for duty and not to do anything that would affect their safety or the safety of others.

"We're not implying any lack of trust in the professionalism of our officers but random testing is now a requirement under legislation. We have put the focus on prevention and, rather than trying to 'catch people out', we want to encourage anyone who thinks they may have a problem to

seek support.

"However I want to stress that any officer found to be using illegal drugs or to be over the alcohol limit while on duty will face consequences. The safety of the public and our ability to fight crime must come first, and the simple fact is that officers carrying out these roles cannot do so effectively if under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

Discussions are underway with Unison to agree how this policy could be extended to cover police staff in safety critical roles.

An independent service provider - Nemesis - will carry out the testing, overseen by the Professional Standards Branch.

A national alcohol limit of 13 mcg per 100 mcg of breath has been set for officers.

More detailed information on the new testing policy, including how it will affect you, FAQs and key contacts can be found on the Professional Standards Intranet pages.

Anyone who feels they may have a problem with drugs or alcohol should contact GMP's Welfare Team on ext. 60547.

CROOKED LAWYER JAILED

A DISHONEST solicitor who systematically fleeced a disabled client out of more than £1 million had been investigated by the Law Society seven years earlier in relation to missing clients' funds.

But while his accountants expressed repeated concerns about Thomas McGoldrick's client accounts he was allowed to continue to practice out of his offices in Altrincham.

Each year McGoldrick was granted a practicing certificate by The Law Society until the accountants' allegations finally forced them into an inspection of the practice.

McGoldrick, 59, stole the fortune from a personal injury client who had been paralysed from the chest down in a car crash.

Keith Anderson was hospitalised for 18 months and McGoldrick's Solicitors represented him in a claim for damages which resulted in an award of £1.8m compensation.

The lawyer persuaded 45-year-old Mr Anderson, from Croydon, not to invest his money but to leave

it in his Practice Client Account until he could find property for him to invest in.

During the following two years, McGoldrick stole more than £1.25m of the victim's settlement which was supposed to pay for his care.

LUXURY LIFESTYLE

Instead it was used to fund the solicitor's struggling business and his lifestyle, which included sending his children to private school, foreign holidays, luxury cars and a £750,000 house in Mobberley, Cheshire.

McGoldrick was convicted at Manchester's Minshull Street Crown Court following a six week trial of 53 charges of false accounting, one of forgery, three counts of money laundering and two of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception. He was jailed for 10 years.

McGoldrick's criminal activities eventually came to light because of the Law Society audits which finally spotted large transfers of money from a client account to

the office account.

They asked to see Mr Anderson's file, in which they found a letter in which he appeared to have given his solicitor £900,000 as a gift.

The letter had been forged by McGoldrick.

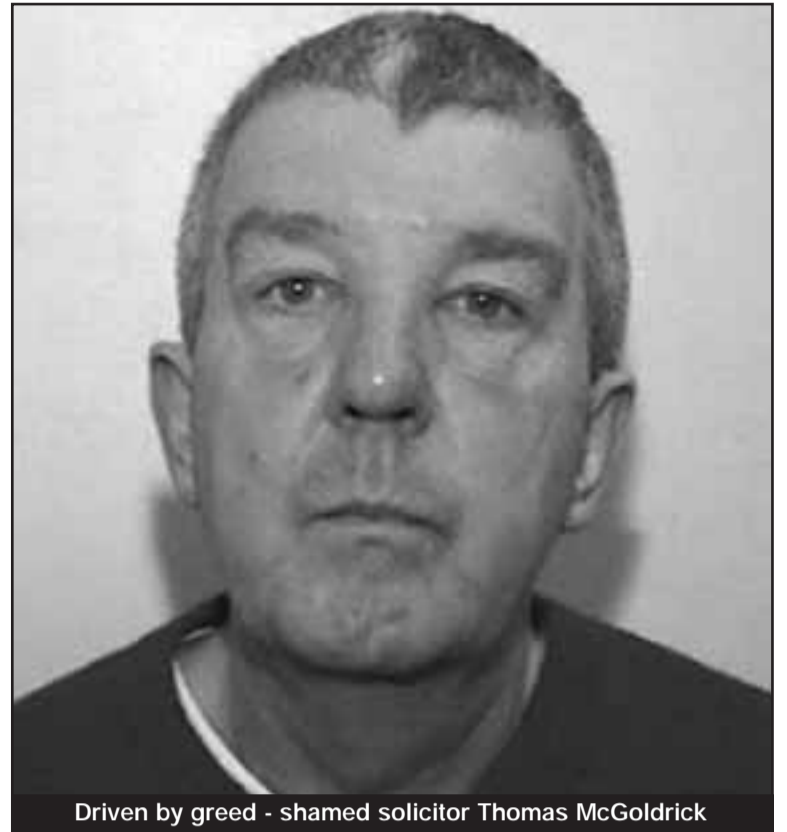
The Law Society referred the matter to the police and GMP's Commercial Fraud Unit undertook an investigation.

In December 2004, GMP officers visited Mr Anderson and explained to him that he only had just over £200 left in his account.

The police investigation discovered that, in addition to stealing his client's money, McGoldrick made fraudulent applications over a number of years for more than £1.9m in loans for his legal practice.

DC Mike Field, of the Economic Crime Section, said: "McGoldrick is a completely shameless individual.

"The victim in this case put his trust in him and he abused that position of trust to the extreme. McGoldrick contrived an opportunity to take a substantial quantity of money from a man who was vulnerable in order to maintain his lifestyle.



Driven by greed - shamed solicitor Thomas McGoldrick

"The money awarded to the victim was not intended to allow him to live a life of luxury, but was to cover the costs of expensive medical treatment and equipment that he required for day-to-day life.

"McGoldrick, by contrast, was motivated by greed. His actions

were selfish and calculating. He was responsible for making a difficult time for the victim even worse."

The Law Society Compensation Fund covered the losses made by Mr Anderson in advance of the court case to ensure his care could continue.

SHARON GOES BALLISTIC

By Janet Wilcox

SHARON Roberts' career is going with a bang.

The South African hot-shot is heading up the new ballistics 'Hub' at GMP - one of just three in the country.

They have been set up with a £3 million Home Office grant as part of the battle against gun crime and will allow for the first time forces nationwide to pool their resources in this forensic speciality.

ACPO and the Police and Crime Standards Directorate are providing another £1 million in revenue.

With 11,000 gun crimes recorded in England and Wales last year, she won't be short of work.

The National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NaBIS) laboratory at a secret GMP location includes a comparison microscope equipped with advanced 3-D technology to examine the unique marks transferred from guns to bullets and cartridge cases.

The high-resolution images will be loaded on to an Integrated Ballistic Identification System and archived in a brand new national database.

Sharon, 30, earned her

reputation in the Cape, where there is significantly more gun crime than here, and she feels this high-tech set up will make a big difference in the UK.

"This huge undertaking is a result of the commitment and determination of the police to improving the quality of intelligence, so providing a much improved capacity to apprehend those who carry and use guns much more quickly," she said.

While she grew up in South Africa, her parents, both scientists, are from Cheshire and she has many members of her extended family here.

"I miss my friends and the weather, but I know my future lies here," she explained. "I learned to shoot as part of my training because part of examining a gun involves firing it. I was very wary of firearms at first, but fascinated at the same time.

"The importance of this new system is that while previously there was no central point where all the information was stored, the NaBIS database will detail all firearms examinations and include intelligence reports.

"Officers will be able to input the information based on what they have observed at a crime

scene, including details of various suspects, vehicles, and so on. This will create a cohesive overview of what has actually happened at a particular crime scene."

And while thousands of pieces of current forensic evidence will be uploaded on to the NABIS database, the hubs will also be able to examine bullets and weapons previously filed away without analysis when there was no crime or obvious victim, adding greatly to the amount of information available to investigators.

Eventually, the service aims to produce intelligence as to whether firearms material has a history of being used elsewhere within 48 hours of receiving it.

DCI John Lyons, from the Serious Crime Division's Operation Xcalibre, said: "The new system will provide quick time intelligence to officers investigating incidents of gun crime.

"In an era of intelligence-led policing this will allow officers to respond quickly to potentially link firearms incidents and inevitably present new opportunities to progress investigations and generate fresh lines of enquiry."



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People Count

Letters of Appreciation

Send copies of letters or e-mails of thanks and appreciation to Andrew Nott, Brief Office, Chester House, making sure the recipient's full name, not just number, is included. Letters may be edited for reasons of space.

THERE WHEN I NEEDED SOMEONE

I WAS a victim of a very serious crime, a house fire started by my ex-husband, and without the help and kindness of your police officers I would never have got through it.

DC Dave Fox in particular was there when I needed someone to talk to and deserves a pat on the back for all his after care and treating me in a sensitive and professional manner.

There were times when I could have just gone down to the M61 and jumped off a bridge but this man went beyond the call of duty to show that someone cares.

Dave showed me there is life after an arson attack and he deserves all credit for that.

JS

Horwich
Bolton

COMFORT AND GUIDANCE

PC GRAHAM Wallsworth helped my husband and I recently following an incident involving our son in which he came to our house and threatened us.

My son later made an allegation of assault against my husband although all he did was to physically remove him from the house because of his extreme aggression and the fact I was terrified.

Throughout this whole distressing affair PC Wallsworth comforted us and guided us as to what was likely to happen and how the matter would be dealt with.

We found him to be one of the most compassionate and empathic police officers we have met. My husband has never been in trouble in his life and was mortified when our son accused him of assault.

We have suffered heartache for many years because of our boy's behaviour and we were both extremely distressed by the whole scenario.

Officer Wallsworth went out of his way to offer comfort and support at an extremely traumatic time.

JS

Sale

HOSPITAL CARE

RECENTLY my wife had to be sectioned under the Mental Health Act with police assistance.

It was not pleasant for any of the parties involved but **PCs Katherine Barwick** and **Stan Cummins** showed extreme patience and professionalism throughout.

They were keen to ensure she was transferred to hospital in a way that provided the safest option for her and others involved.

They also did what they could to ensure that she was reasonably protected from prying eyes whilst being assisted into the police vehicle.

On the rare occasions when her medication doesn't provide sufficient control her condition deteriorates very quickly and she becomes very agitated.

The officers showed the patience necessary and calmed her down which gave her a degree of dignity that has perhaps not been provided in the past by officers from another force.

WK

Leigh

GETTING BETTER

SINCE **PCSOs Anita Ashton** and **Tracy Young** came to the Pemberton area of Wigan there has been a steady decline in the complaints received from the community, especially around the Worsley Green area.

I feel this is due to their hard work and dedication in tackling the nuisance from youths, under age drinking and other problems.

David Arrowsmith

Pemberton Community
Association

BIKE'S BACK

MY MOUNTAIN bike was stolen from its secure carrier on top of my car which was parked in my drive - and a rusty old one was left in its place.

PCs Joseph Trippett and **Damian Madeley** collected the old bike from me and said they thought they recognised it as one they had seen being ridden by someone known to them.

Within two hours the culprit was taken into custody and my bike returned.

This was an outstanding example of police work.

JA Dewhurst,

Hazel Grove
Stockport

GREAT TEAMWORK

KENT Police Serious Economic Crime Unit executed three warrants at addresses in Manchester in connection with a multiple mortgage fraud investigation.

The warrants resulted in one arrest and the gathering of a considerable amount of evidence and information.

Assistance was given by the **Area Tasking Unit** based at Grey Mare Lane police station and we would like to thank **Sgt Richard Sidebottom** and the seven members of his team who provided logistical back-up and local knowledge to ensure events ran smoothly.

Their competent and cheerful help was greatly appreciated.

Marcus Wright

Fraud Investigator
Kent Police

WONDERFUL WEBSITE

I AM currently a special constable with another Force but in GMP's recruitment process.

While researching your Force I have been very impressed by the level and detail of information on the **GMP website**.

It provides a sense of understanding of the current crime rates and trends and I have found it most useful.

Gareth Watkins

Gwynedd
North Wales

CHURCH SUCCESS

AUDACIOUS City Church was launched last September in Mary Street, Manchester, and I would like to thank three community support officers with whom we have built up a great relationship.

We run youth and children's programmes and it has been excellent to have **PCSOs Sam Davies, Colin Barnes** and **Graham Atkinson** present at some of these to help build relationships within the local community and also to give us a sense of security.

Glyn Barrett

Senior Pastor

Audacious City Church

SCHEME SUPPORT

I AM the estate manager at Lomas Court, Ashton under Lyne, an independent living scheme for people with physical and sensory disabilities.

I would like to thank **PC Tariq Butt** who has been a constant source of support for the scheme, attending resident meetings, providing security advice for residents and attending a number of incidents.

He has always provided a prompt and courteous response to any problems I have encountered.

It has been a privilege to work with him.

Anna Clewlow

Estate Manager
Hanover Housing

FOOTBALL TACTICS

I WISH to pass on my sincere thanks for the work of your football intelligence officer, **PC John Cooke**.

I was match commander for a recent Everton versus Oldham Athletic football fixture.

Matches like this, with more than 5,000 visitors, are always more problematic than most.

Apart from informing us of the number travelling, John was able to provide intelligence about a particular risk group from Oldham and where they were meeting, and more information about another group travelling from Hibernian and planning to join them.

The potential for a group of more than 60 risk individuals was significant.

The Hibernian coach was targeted, weapons, drugs and alcohol recovered and the vehicle escorted back from whence it came with the assistance of two GMP traffic officers whose work should also be recognised, **PCs Paul Fisher** and **Simon Jones**.

After dealing with the coach, officers moved to St Helens to deal with the Oldham risk group, some of whom were subject to football banning orders, and policed them away from the area.

The risk of disorder was prevented in what was a 'text book' example of regional co-operation.

Chief Supt Dave Lewis

Merseyside Police



If the hat fits...

Manchester's First Citizen took the opportunity to test out some elderly headwear when he visited the Force Museum in the city centre. The Mayor, cllr Glynn Evans was particularly interested in how curator Duncan Broady (pictured with him) used the museum - originally a police station built in 1879 - as a resource for schoolchildren.

TRIPLE KILLER TRAPPED BY SHOE-PRINT



Kesha, Beverley and Fred - victims of a savage attack

EVIL KILLER Pierre Williams thought he could beat justice by using forensic techniques he learned from handbooks and TV programmes like CSI.

But the sexual savage who claimed three lives in one night of barbarism literally put his foot in it.

The one-time gangster left an imprint of a training shoe in blood at the scene of the crime - one that was matched to another print taken from the laminated wood floor of his home 90 miles away.

He had got rid of all the clothes he wore while carrying out the appalling carnage, including the distinctive Timberland shoes, but hadn't realised the evidential importance of an incriminating print.

It was key evidence at his trial for the murder of his ex-girlfriend and her two children that led to him being convicted and sentenced to a minimum of 38 years in jail.

Sex-crazed Williams - currently under investigation for a string of other alleged attacks on women - lived in Selly Oak, Birmingham, but travelled up to Manchester to visit relatives.

He visited an old flame, 35-year-old Beverley Samuels, at her home in Longsight, even though he was unwelcome having previously abused her.

After a night drinking in

Manchester city centre he returned to the house in the early hours of Thursday 12 July 2007 and sneaked in through an unlocked back door.



Face of evil: Pierre Williams

Police believe he was intent on having sex with Beverley but she refused, so he viciously raped her and then bludgeoned her to death with a hammer.

He didn't know her 17-year-old daughter, Kesha, would be in the house as she normally stayed with her father in Stockport.

But when he found her he tied her hands behind her back with her bra, raped her and smashed her skull as he had her mother's.

Now with his blood-lust at its height, he went into the room where Kesha's brother, Fred,

aged just 13, was sleeping, and killed him in the same viciously calculated manner.

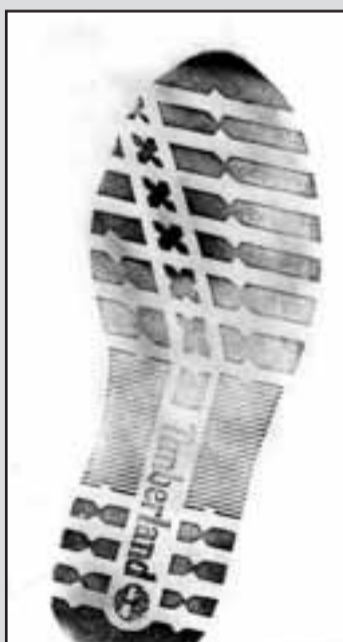
His DNA print was found in several parts of the house but he never denied being there, he simply denied being the killer.

Williams, 33, had honed his amateur forensic skills in earlier years while acting as a 'cleaner' for Manchester's infamous Gooch Gang, removing potentially incriminating evidence from places where they did drug deals or meted out punishment.

Having been arrested before on serious charges he also knew about methods of police interrogation and stayed silent throughout interviews, confident the investigators would never be able to get the evidence that would prove beyond doubt he was responsible.

The footprint however - identical scuff for scuff with the shoe worn by the killer - put him in the exact place at the precise time of the murders and the jury was certain of his guilt.

Det Supt Ian Foster said: "There is no doubt that these murders were sexually motivated. They were brutal and senseless, resulting in the tragic deaths of three people who had everything to live for.



Clue that trapped a killer - the imprint of the Timberland shoe

"Williams is clearly a dangerous man who had displayed violence in the past and I am certain he was sufficiently arrogant to believe he could get away with murder.

"He was wrong and I am glad he will spend a very long time in prison."

New beginning for policing the police

THE POLICING of the police by itself is undergoing a radical shake up.

The new Force Professional Standards Branch replaced Internal Affairs on April 1 at the end of an overhaul that has taken 18 months to implement following HMIC recommendations.

It will take up the challenge of implementing revised misconduct and performance procedures that will become legislation in May 2008.

Amongst the new systems is a practice of allowing managers to deal with lower level conduct breaches and misdemeanours without having to resort to complex 'Rolls Royce' investigations.

"It's about using common sense and not wasting valuable time on matters that can be handled in the main on the spot," said Acting DCC Ian Seabridge, who has led the development of the changes.

The new branch will from now on take responsibility for police staff complaints and misconduct, and include the Vetting Unit and Legal Services. A widened Intelligence and Performance Unit has been created and work around Police Vehicle Accidents has moved from Accident Records to Civil Claims.

EDUCATION

There will be for the first time an emphasis on a proactive role in educating inexperienced officers and staff rather than simply reacting to an event or complaint.

Legal Services will handle more civil claims in house which, coupled with an expanding solicitors' section, will realise substantial savings from the near £1 million spent annually on outsourcing legal work.

Branch Commander Acting Assistant Chief Constable Terry Sweeney said: "We are determined the branch will maintain a rigorous investigation style where allegations of corruption and criminal activity are concerned, where integrity is non negotiable.

"However, the branch recognises the need to be caring, compassionate, inclusive; proportionate in

response to complaints and misconduct and, most important of all, consistent and fair in dealing with police officers, police staff and the public.

"Much has already been done in conjunction with staff associations, in particular the Police Federation, to ensure that the branch embraces the spirit of the William Taylor Report ahead of changes to misconduct and performance regulations which will affect all police officers later this year.

EARLY INTERVENTION

"The Taylor Report espoused the importance of early intervention in misconduct issues to avoid unnecessary investigation, and recognised that poor performance does not necessarily equate to misconduct.

"Learning, development and long-term improvement rather than blame and sanction, are key to building confidence amongst our staff and the public."

The branch has a key role to play in the Citizen Focus agenda that aims to engender public confidence and satisfaction with the complaints system and promote the belief that GMP is a listening organisation, prepared to learn lessons and improve service delivery in a fair and equitable manner.

The Taylor changes include new Standards of Professional Behaviour to replace the existing Code of Conduct for police officers and, in recognition that poor performance is not necessarily related to misconduct, Performance of Duties has been removed from the new standards.

The aim of these regulations is to improve individual performance long term and the new branch, with a policy of openness and communication has a major part to play.

"The world of secrecy that once shrouded Professional Standards work has been consigned to the dustbin," said Det Supt Mike Freeman, who has managed the changes. "If anyone has any questions or concerns about the future of Professional Standards in Greater Manchester Police then contact me on ext 62951."



CAGED: Predator Stephen Bryan

COP POSES AS TEEN TO TRAP WEB SEX THREAT

A CHILDREN'S entertainer is the latest dangerous sexual predator to be trapped by GMP's target monitoring of Internet chatrooms.

Stephen Bryan, 44, who was caught attempting to 'groom' a 14-year-old girl, was sentenced to 18 months in jail by a judge at Manchester's Minshull Street Crown Court.

Faced with overwhelming evidence that he was trying to have sex with a child, he pleaded guilty.

Bryan logged on to a social networking site on the Internet in May last year and started chatting with someone who said she was a 14-year-old girl.

In fact his target was a specially-trained police officer, monitoring the site for suspicious callers, who soon realised the individual on the other end of the line was not whom he claimed to be.

The chat between Bryan and the officer quickly became sexual



Bryan in costume at funfair

in nature and within a short space of time he suggested they meet in person.

As the Internet chat continued, he specifically expressed his desire to have sex with her in the full knowledge that she had told him she was under age.

They agreed to meet and Bryan drove from his home in Stoke on Trent to the suggested rendezvous address in Denton, Manchester, where he was promptly arrested.

As well as receiving the jail term he was placed under a Sexual Offences Prevention Order, disqualified from working with children for an indeterminate

period and ordered to sign the Sex Offenders' Register.

DCI Harry Harrison, of GMP's Public Protection Section, said: "Clearly Bryan intended to meet this person with the intention of having sex with her.

"He knew she was under age, yet still arranged to meet her. This is obviously predatory sexual behaviour by a man who works as a child entertainer for a living.

"He clearly was a danger to any children he has ever worked with and we hope that this sentence will act as a deterrent for anyone using the Internet to attempt to abuse children.

"This case also shows any potential groomers that they risk arrest and prosecution when they are communicating over the Internet."

An online leaflet explaining the dangers of children using the Internet, and protective measures and advice, is available at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Catch in the attic

A BRONZE bust of racing legend Graham Hill that had pride of place at Silverstone spent more than eight years wrapped in a pillowcase hidden in the attic of a house in Bolton.

After a tip-off, GMP executed a warrant at the address and solved a mystery dating back to 1999.

And now the bust is back where it belongs, having been hand-delivered by Supt Andy Durkin.

Drivers used to rub the nose of the £10,000 statuette for luck as

they went out to race at the circuit, which is also the HQ of the British Racing Drivers' Club.

But while they were moving into new premises, the likeness of the late double Formula 1 Champion vanished without trace.

Another bronze was commissioned to replace it, but mystery surrounded the original's whereabouts.

GMP received intelligence that it was hidden in a house in Beverley Road, Little Lever, and arrested and bailed a 47-year-old man on

suspicion of handling stolen goods.

The Drivers' Club members were so pleased they invited Supt Durkin down for the formal handing over of the bust to the BRDC's current President, Damon Hill, Graham's son and himself an F1 champ.

"This is a very satisfactory end to the operation and we were delighted to be able to return this important statue to its home," said Mr Durkin.

"We needed to verify it was the genuine article but we were confident from the start because of its shiny nose."



Supt Andy Durkin with the Graham Hill bust

GUN MONEY

ILLEGAL firearms seized by GMP are being turned into symbols of peace.

They have been melted down to make special coins commemorating the victims of gun crime.

Each is marked with 55 notches - a tribute to the 55

people killed by gunmen in the county during the past eight years.

The Manchester Peace Coins are the first items to be created as part of a three-year scheme - Guns to Goods - set up in a partnership between GMP, Salford

University and Manchester peace campaigners Carisma.

Youngsters on the fringes of society and at risk of drifting into gang culture will be invited to take part in future projects at the University's School of Art and Design

TV TIMES OF A DETECTIVE

Life on Mars stars owe DI Steve



DI Steve Crimmins strikes a '70s pose

Life on Mars calling him up to provide his expertise on what was undoubtedly going to be a major series.

"It was just about authenticity" explained 52-year-old Steve, whose career has taken him from Bolton to Bury and, via Force HQ, to Wigan CID. "They hadn't got the caution right, for instance.

"But they didn't always follow my advice. I told them no-one in the police in Manchester would call their DCI 'Guv'. It was always 'Boss' or 'Sir'. But for dramatic reasons they had the Gene Hunt character always referred to as 'Guv', while Sam Tyler was called 'Boss'.

"They asked me for help on certain plot lines, like breaking someone out of prison, because things had to be plausible.

"They also wanted to know how in 1973 the police went about getting permission to have a house bugged.

"I was able to tell them that in those days you just did it.

"Some of my anecdotes got into the final programme but not my favourite. Police in Brightmet once recovered a large number of garden gnomes and an officer drove around the area for weeks with them stacked in the back of his car looking for owners because every one identified could be listed as a solved crime.

"It didn't get used probably because they thought I was stretching credibility a bit."

Steve is currently working on another TV project, Whitechapel, which deals with a serial killer re-enacting the Jack the Ripper murders.

And he's joined the Northern Ireland Historic Review Team that will reinvestigate more than 3,000 deaths in the Province during the Troubles, dating back decades.

What of the future? Time will tell.

LIFE on Mars cops Gene Hunt and Sam Tyler wouldn't have stood an earthly without Det Insp Steve Crimmins.

The veteran detective used all his experience to make the TV duo look true to life.

And last month, after retiring from GMP, he headed back in time once more, but on this occasion for real.

Steve, who became a police cadet in 1971 and a PC in '75 was ideally placed to be the police advisor/consultant when the programme about a modern Manchester cop thrown back 30 years in time was being made.

His knowledge of both eras helped the director get scenes just right and impart an air of accuracy that carried the implausible plot forward.

A friend involved in television production invited him to get involved as an advisor in a programme originally titled 'Brief Lives' but went out as 'Outlaws' on BBC Three and didn't get a huge audience.

But his work on the project was recognised and led to the producer of



TV detectives Gene Hunt and Sam Tyler tough it out in Life on Mars

CITY CENTRE SAFEST

Operation PROTECTOR

BY THE time the Party comes to town, a small part of Manchester will be the safest place in Britain.

The Labour Party is bringing its Annual Conference to the city centre for the second time – not least because of the level of security the 'island' site can provide.

Totally secure, it contains the Manchester Conference Centre – formerly G-Mex and the MICC – and both the Radisson and Midland hotels, so participants can work, eat and sleep within the cordon.

But the physical work of securing the site will start long before any of the 17,000 delegates arrive in September, with specialist officers carrying out a painstaking Counter Terrorist Defensive Search.

The CTDS, headed by Inspector Graham Peffers and Sgt Tony Darbyshire is crucial to the success of the whole security operation, codenamed Operation Protector.

Officers from across the Force, possessing a range of different skills, will check every square inch of the hotels and conference floors using the most up-to-date techniques and equipment.

Once it is declared safe, nothing will get in or out 24-hours-a-day without being thoroughly checked.

The team includes 17 military-trained Police Search Advisors capable of planning, conducting and controlling low-risk counter terrorist searches performed by their specialist search squads who will constantly assess and reassess any potential threats.

"It's a massive operation and no stone will be left unturned to ensure the location is completely safe," said Insp Peffers. "Once all the buildings are searched we will then do a final sweep within the fence line of the island site

before the delegates arrive. It's important we are utterly thorough."

There will also be a dedicated Remote Vehicle Search Site (RVSS) in Salford where every vehicle heading for the Conference will be searched.

While preparation is a vital part of the team's work, they also have to be ready to react to eleventh hour changes to the schedule, such as a minister wanting to visit somewhere unscheduled.

Sgt Darbyshire explained: "We will only have a small window of opportunity to go to that place, sweep it and make it secure, so it's a big challenge and a big responsibility."

After the security team's work for the last Labour Conference in 2006, both the RVSS and the profiling of the site were heralded as best practice for other Forces to follow.

The City Council has now sealed a unique four-year deal to host both the Labour and the Tory annual gatherings.

Former GMP Superintendent Charlie Coxon, the Security Coordinator for Operation Protector, said: "The last conference was a great success for GMP and we must ensure this one is the same. Our first challenge is to ensure that governance of this country runs smoothly during the conference, as if we were relocating Whitehall to Manchester for one week.

"The second is to make the conference an exciting, enjoyable event for everyone and provide a high level of security without it being too intrusive for the delegates.

"And the third is to highlight Manchester's long-term commitment to political party conferences for the next few years.

"If we meet those three challenges, then our team, and GMP as a whole, can feel most proud."



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Search for sad Sulek's past



TALENTED: Antoni Sulek

ECCENTRIC artist Antoni Sulek fell foul of the law when he used his council flat as a canvas.

His mural, covering much of one wall of the building offended the local authority and he was taken to court for causing criminal damage.

Quite why he chose to use bricks rather than canvas is unclear, but a mystery that one former police officer is trying

to solve.

Retired Superintendent Ingrid Taylor is researching Sulek's life and times for a biography of the prolific artist who died of liver failure in 1988, aged just 37.

And the former Northumbria officer is appealing to police within Greater Manchester who might have had dealings with him during periods when he lived in both Rochdale and then Fallowfield shortly before his death.

Sulek was born in a Polish resettlement camp on Morpeth Common in Northumberland in 1951. In the Summer of 1985 he moved to live with a cousin in Shaw Street, Rochdale, then rented a room in nearby Roch Street before moving on to the town's Freehold Estate.

Later he rented another flat in Fallowfield, Manchester, and as he had a habit of painting late at night while playing Beethoven at full volume, someone might remember him.

Much of his prolific artistic output tells the story of his family and friends' wartime experiences

during the deportation of thousands of Polish people in 1940 and how they came to be settled in the North East of England.

"His work is very varied and also includes fine Northumberland and Polish landscapes and portraiture as well as more abstract and expressionist art," said Mrs Taylor.

2,000 PAINTINGS

"I have to date traced and had professionally photographed more than 2,000 paintings, drawings and sketches and interviewed more than 100 people who have helped me piece together the story of his life.

"However, there are some gaps and I understand that Antoni was a rather eccentric, difficult character who had the occasional run-in with police.

"There were occasions in Morpeth when he was moved along or brought back to his parents' house having been found in the early hours of the morning with his easel and candle light, painting the clock tower.

"And I understand he was arrested for criminal damage in Manchester having painted a mural on the outside of his council flat.

"It is entirely possible that police officers, still in service or retired, might remember having dealings with him and I would appreciate any help they can provide to aid my writing of his biography.

"There is also some speculation as to exactly what happened in the days before he died while he was in Manchester.

"Apparently he was found very ill and taken to a hospital but it is unclear which one. There are also suggestions he had connections with a local Rochdale band called 'Tractor' and other local artists and poets.

"If anyone can remember anything at all about Antoni Sulek, no matter how insignificant it may seem, I would be really grateful if they got in touch."

Mrs Taylor can be contacted on 01661 881233 or 07918 121286 or by e-mail at ingrid.w.taylor@btopenworld.com



Self-portrait of the artist

FINGERS AINT WHAT THEY USED TO BE

Dab hand Ron points to the future By Janet Wilcox

IN ANCIENT Babylon, a finger impression at the end of a signature on a clay tablet was used to identify the parties involved in business dealings.

In 1818, Thomas Bewick, an English author and naturalist, used engravings of his own fingerprints to identify his work.

Forty years later Sir William Herschel, a member of the Indian Civil Service responsible for the

payment of allowances to pensioned Indian soldiers was having great difficulty preventing impersonation.

He began taking fingerprints from each soldier as he was paid and found he could distinguish the genuine claimants from the fake, which abruptly stopped the cheating.

In 1880, Scottish physician Dr Henry Faulds wrote an article in the journal 'Nature' suggesting

that fingerprints would be useful as a technique for the investigation of evidence left at the scene of a crime.

Fingerprints were used to eliminate an innocent suspect and indict a perpetrator in a Tokyo burglary in one of the first ever recorded uses of fingerprints to solve a crime.

Sir Francis Galton published a book in 1892 which was the first comprehensive account of the

nature of fingerprints and their use in solving crime.

WORLD'S FIRST

The same year, Juan Vucetich of the provincial police in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and a student of Galton's, set up the world's first Fingerprint Classification Bureau.

The first fingerprint evidence involving a scene of crime mark in England was heard at the Central Criminal Court on 13 September 1902 when Henry Jackson pleaded not guilty to a charge of stealing billiard balls in a burglary in Denmark Hill, south London.

An imprint of Jackson's left thumb was found in dirt on a newly painted window-sill and he was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

In the late 20th Century the advent of computers allowed the creation of the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System which honed the effectiveness of fingerprint identification.

And this year, at GMP's Sedgley Park complex, the next step arrived.

Former FBI forensic specialist Ron Smith, the world's leading expert on the study of palm prints, flew in from the United States to share his knowledge

with the Force's fingerprint unit.

Fingerprints are a relatively small area to study and compare, with easily identifiable comparison areas, whereas the palm is a much larger area and it is difficult to know where to start with a partial print.

Ron teaches investigators how to quickly and accurately recognise which part of the palm made the print so that comparisons can be made to whole palm prints held in a database.

GMP's 'Livescan' programme electronically scans suspects' fingerprints and palms when they come in to custody and from now on that information will be much more useful in tracing repeat offenders.

Certain patterns and shapes in the 'ridges' of palms only happen in certain areas and examination of them can show which area of the palm has touched the surface and therefore where to look on any comparison print.

The palm is divided into three main areas: interdigital, thenar, and hypthenar, each of which can be subdivided further into specific smaller areas, every one unique, just like the fingers

Now retired from the FBI, Ron has delivered his seminar in 15 countries.



Handy to know - Palm expert Ron with GMP principle fingerprint officer Dave Sweeney.

SING A SONG OF SALFORD

By Louis Henry

NEXT MONTH MARKS THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY SALFORD CITY POLICE CEASED TO BE WHEN IT WAS AMALGAMATED WITH THE MANCHESTER FORCE. HERE, A SALFORD OFFICER SERVING ON THAT DAY WHO ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME A SUPERINTENDENT AND IS NOW RETIRED, OFFERS HIS PERSONAL VIEW OF A REMARKABLE PERIOD OF POLICING.

FORTY-EIGHT 'play streets' where traffic was forbidden were adopted in Salford in June 1929 at the express request of the city's Chief Constable, Major Cedric Valentine Godfrey.

Scores of youngsters were being killed or maimed on the roads at the time because Salford was highly industrialised and traffic and trams were carrying people and goods to and from the docks and along the main routes into Manchester.

Keen on road safety, in August 1932 he ordered the first set of automatic traffic signals to be erected in the provinces at the junction of Langworthy Road and Eccles Old Road. He also patented an illuminated bollard that advised motorists to 'Drive Left'.

INNOVATIVE

Fog was also a problem, so he introduced gas-powered fog flares which illuminated constables on traffic point duty. The devices wouldn't get past Health and Safety today but they were effective.

These were some of the innovations that led to Salford being hailed as one of the country's most pioneering forces that specialised in finding solutions to difficult problems.

The Force was amalgamated with Manchester City Police on April 1 1968. All Fools Day marked the end of 176 years of Salford policing itself and I, then a 28-year-old PC, was, along with many others, sad to see it go.

It had begun in 1792, ironically with a Government plan for Salford and Manchester to be jointly policed.



Retired Supt Louis Henry outside the former Crescent HQ of Salford police.

However, the Commissioners from each side could not come to a working agreement, so on August 1 that year the Salford representatives met at the Kings Head Inn to effect the 'watching' of the city as it was then known.

It would be another 36 years before the creation of Salford Police was finally officially ratified by an Act of Parliament.

After spells serving in Derby, Sheffield and for the Midland Railway Police, Major Godfrey was appointed in 1908 at the age of 32 as one of the country's youngest chief constables.

With child safety a constant priority, he introduced kerb drill and ensured thousands of schoolchildren were given road safety instruction.

The horse racing at Castle Irwell attracted a huge crowd when a meeting was staged and injuries to children occurred every time. His book, 'Road Sense for Children' was published to acclaim and probably saved lives.

His idea to dress point duty officers in a white helmet and coat was another first and the forerunner to today's ubiquitous high-visibility jackets.

In 1914, when the Great War broke out, he caused a stir at a Watch Committee meeting when he asked permission to volunteer for the (Salford Pals) Lancashire Fusiliers. He served with distinction

in France and Belgium.

Many other Salford officers followed him into the Forces and at the end of the war all the survivors were invited to a dinner with him.

During the Second World War he was Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Defence for Salford.

AWARDS

In 1944 the University of Manchester awarded him an Honorary Master of Arts Degree,



Major Cedric Valentine Godfrey

for which part of the citation read: "I present to you the most senior chief constable in the country and one of the most distinguished.

"He has made a great name for himself in the way in which he tackled the intractable problems created by 20th Century transport on roads never meant to take it."

Two years later he died and the Watch Committee wanted to appoint his highly regarded young deputy, Robert Howard, but the Government had other ideas as he had served all his time at Salford and they wanted someone with broader experience from other forces.

CITY OF THE YEAR

The Government prevailed and appointed Alexander Aberdein of Manchester City Police, but he died just a year later, leaving Howard once more as Acting Chief Constable of the Force, in the full knowledge that he would never get the permanent post.

Salford continued to pioneer road safety and was declared 'City of the Year, 1950' because of a remarkable reduction in accident figures.

It also opened the country's first permanent crime prevention exhibition at the Crescent HQ.

The police band was formed back in 1877 but it was only after World War II that it really got going under the guidance of conductor Joe Needham.

His enthusiastic, extrovert approach helped the band become one of the best of its type in the country.

Once, when an Italian rugby team had travelled over to play a match in Salford, the band was asked to play the Italian national anthem, but they didn't have the music.

Joe got someone at the Italian Consul to hum the tune down the phone and wrote out the score, note perfect - yet another neat solution to a problem.

Alex Patterson was the next Chief Constable to make his mark with the introduction of the Team Policing System that was so successful it was copied by other forces.

And so Salford continued to meet challenges with innovation until the last day of March 1968 when, at the final parade at Castle Irwell, we marched proudly into history.

Former Salford colleagues were invited to a reunion on Saturday April 5 at the Salford Masonic Hall, Hemsley House, The Crescent, to view a display of photographs and other memorabilia from more than four decades ago.

PRINCESS AND WALES

Royal connection of on-the-move Catherine

COUNTRY girl Catherine Pritchard is heading back to her roots – on horseback.

The Chester House-based inspector, a fluent Welsh speaker, is transferring to North Wales Police in pursuit of a 'greener' lifestyle.

Though born in Manchester, she spent virtually all the first 16 years of her life in the village of Llanfynydd, near Wrexham, where school lessons were taught in both Welsh and English.

A visit to the Mounted Unit at Hough End at the age of seven ensured that her gaining of a University degree at Salford would be followed by a career with GMP.

"I love horses and for some reason I just knew from that day I would like to be a police officer," she said.

A rider since the age of three, she has competed at a high level in eventing and three years ago came second to soon-to-be world champion Zara Phillips.

"I missed out by just half a mark," lamented Catherine. "But as the event was at Gatcombe Park where she lives and I was

presented with my trophy by her mother, Princess Anne, I was happy to take second."

The mother of two girls, four-year-old Hannah and Emily, nearly two, is going to use her Welsh surroundings to train her latest horse, Hadley - named after Tony, the signer with '80's New Romantic band, Spandau Ballet.

And with his bloodline he has a fighting chance; his father was Erhaab, the 1994 winner of The Derby.

Despite her love of horses Catherine never applied to the Mounted Unit, serving instead at Rochdale, Tameside, Greenheys, the Training Unit, the Leadership Team and finally as Staff Officer to ACC Rob Taylor.

PLEASURE

"While it was the sight of the horses that attracted me to policing I prefer to ride just for pleasure," she explained.

"I was really sad to leave after 14 years, having had so many interesting jobs and met so many great characters. I have had the best opportunities ever.



Photo: Chris Oldham

Wide green spaces - Catherine in the countryside with her horse Hadley.

"But I had a happy rural childhood and I want my daughters and my husband, Spence, to enjoy what I did.

"Speaking Welsh will be useful because I will be able to interact with a wider range of people and the fact I am a Welsh speaker will go to show that the police are committed to doing the right thing for people who prefer to speak

that language.

"It will be a challenge, but I'm ready for it."

In the unlikely event of anyone else contemplating a similar transfer, here's a useful phrase: "Does dim rhaid i chi ddweud dim byd. Ond gall niweidio eich amddiffyniad os na fyddwch chi'n sôn, wrth gael eich holi, am rywbeth y byddwch chi'n dibynnu arno

nes ymlaen yn y Llys. Gall unrhyw beth yr ydych yn ei ddweud gael ei roi fel tystiolaeth."

It roughly translates to: "You do not have to say anything. But it may harm your defence if you do not mention now something which you later rely on in court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence."

FLANAGAN CALL TO CUT PAPER

A NEW model for policing in the 21st Century was set out last month by the head of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Sir Ronnie Flanagan, in his Independent Review of Policing.

He attempted to address how the police service can best deploy its resources between three fundamental - and often conflicting - objectives: the need to minimise the threats facing the public, to reduce the harm that crime causes, and to have contingencies in place to manage any residual risks.

Crucial is the reduction of unnecessary bureaucracy, the limitation of paperwork and making better use of technology.

Should the recommendations be delivered, it is estimated that between five and seven

million hours a year – the equivalent of up to 3,500 police officers – could be refocused on front line duties.

Other key points made in his report include: reducing the amount of information routinely recorded for many crimes, introducing a streamlined crime recording process, an overhaul of the current stop and account process, the implementation of tracking software across all forces to improve deployment effectiveness, and integrated partnerships between the police and both local and central government.

"This is a once in a generation opportunity to alter the course of how we deliver policing," said Sir Ronnie.

"We can free up valuable police time and transform the working environment of

individual officers, but this has to be in the service of public protection.

"Over the past 25 years our police service has been transformed, with many changes improving the service. But in the process we have also become process bound. That is why we must address the drivers of bureaucracy.

"The police service cannot stand still and the best customer service and citizen engagement are critical to the delivery of successful policing in the 21st Century."

For a copy of the full final report and background information to the Review of Policing, visit the Home Office policing website; www.police.homeoffice.gov.uk/police-reform/flanagan-police-review/



Princess Anne, her daughter Zara, another competitor and Catherine at Gatcombe Park

Man Who Taught Policing to the World



Sgt John Quick - a consummate professional

known, was a teacher in London when he decided to switch professions and joined the Metropolitan Police.

He transferred to GMP in 1987, serving at Salford, south Manchester and the city centre before joining the Tactical Aid Unit in 1995.

A year later he had found his true vocation in the training section, specialising in public order.

He developed into the national lead in public order training, simply the best this country had to offer in this field, and was a vital hands-on component of the policing of major events.

"It is fair to say that I have faced some of the most demanding policing challenges of my career with John Quick sitting beside me," said ACC Justine Curran.

"And I cannot think of anyone I would rather have been there when the pressure was really on.

"John was a consummate professional who brought vast amounts of experience and capability to his role, but it was the quiet, self effacing manner that projected total calm that was his absolute trade mark.

"He was a unique blend of specialist and practical bobby who would always look for a

solution that was common sense.

"When we faced significant disorder in the city centre during an England v Wales football international. It was a very busy day and we had an hour of really fast time disorder that felt at moments extremely chaotic.

"But throughout, John was there with his calm, sensible advice and help that made me realise we were dealing with it, that it wasn't chaos and we would restore order.

MAJOR CHALLENGES

"John was part of all the big and challenging events that GMP has taken on and delivered a great policing operation, from major disorder to the Commonwealth Games, more football matches than can be counted, and the major challenges of the Labour Party conference, including the 'Stop the War' protest march by more than 20,000 people.

"John's legacy is in those of us he has trained. I doubt there are many bronze, silver or gold commanders in the force that have not sat in his classes and learned from his experience and knowledge.

"All of us who were trained, coached, coaxed and supported

by him are a testimony to his leadership and commitment.

"He has given GMP something lasting and practical for policing which is, I hope, exactly what he would have wanted."

John - father of two sons, Steven and David - was widely travelled both as an officer and a private individual, training police in Abu Dhabi, Jamaica, Kuwait and Malawi, amongst others, and his favourite holiday destination was Goa.

He was in Hong Kong for the Rugby Sevens Tournament, but his first sporting love was Arsenal football club which he had supported since he was a boy.

Close friend and colleague at Clayton Brook, PC Stewart Edwards said: "He just went at life at 100 miles an hour.

"At work he was cool, calm and organised, but at play he was the life and soul and famous for his generosity.

"What adds to the tragedy is that he was within weeks of retirement and was going to take on new challenges abroad, but will now never have that opportunity.

"The fact of his loss will be difficult for a very large number of people. There is a big space left where he once stood."

INTERNATIONALLY renowned police trainer Sgt John Quick has died suddenly at the age of 53.

He was on holiday in Hong Kong with his wife, Janet, when he

suffered a massive heart attack on March 27.

Tributes have flooded in from police forces across the country and around the world.

'Quicky' as he was universally

THUGS CAGED AFTER KIDS' CARNIVAL SHOOT OUT

TWO men have been jailed after gangsters staged a gun battle in the midst of a Family Fun Day being enjoyed by 300 revellers.

One - described as the leader of Moss Side's Young Gooch Crew - was given an indeterminate sentence that could keep him in jail for life.

The other, an 18-year-old who cannot be named for legal reasons will be sentenced in April.

Both were convicted of possession of firearms with intent

to endanger life and were convicted by a jury at Manchester Crown Court.

Leon Johnson, who, despite his connection with the notorious Manchester gang, lived in Preston, was seen driving a black Seat Leon around Moss Side in May last year in convoy with a BMW.

Both cars turned into an area close to the West Indian Centre and - without warning - started to exchange fire with two men on foot

in front of shocked and terrified families.

One of these other gunmen was Tyrone Wong, a leading member of the rival Doddington gang who the previous Summer had murdered low-level drug dealer Ernest Gifford and is now serving a minimum of 27 years for the killing.

Mass panic spread through the carnival and a nine-month pregnant woman was knocked to the ground and needed hospital treatment but, remarkably,

no-one was shot.

Coincidentally, at the time of the incident Johnson was the subject of surveillance from Lancashire Police's Organised Crime Group, and this helped in his conviction.

Further evidence was provided via video link with witnesses behind screens with voice distortion.

He was sentenced to a minimum of three years, but under the rules of Indeterminate Sentencing for Public Protection brought in to

deal with serious and repeat offenders, he can be imprisoned indefinitely.

Detective Inspector Chris Packer from the Armed Crime Unit said: "Firing a gun during a crowded community event shows a blatant disregard for other people and their lives. Johnson and his accomplice could not care less about their community and Moss Side is a safer place with these thugs locked up where they belong."

OBITUARIES

Due to an error in the Force Pensions Unit that supplies obituary details, February's Brief mistakenly named Edwina Sykes as the civil partner of **Vivien Edwards**, deceased. Ms Edwards' civil partner is Karen Thompson. We apologise for any distress caused.

Former PC **Josephine Loughlin**, 70, of Radcliffe, Bury, died on December 20. She joined Lancashire Police in 1964 and retired from GMP in 1991.

Former Sgt **James Laurie**, 80, of Harthill, Motherwell, Scotland, died on January 14. He joined Manchester City Police in 1949 and retired from GMP in 1978.

Former Sgt **Jack Olive**, 81, of Didsbury, Manchester, died on January 23. He joined Manchester City Police in 1954 and retired from GMP in 1977.

Former PC **Edward Gwilliam**, 67, from Didsbury, Manchester, died on February 1, leaving a widow, Hannah. He joined Manchester City Police in 1967 and retired in 1980.

Former PC **Allan Crabtree**, 82, of Elton, Bury, died on February 2, leaving a widow, Marjory. He joined Rochdale Police in 1952 and retired from GMP in 1977.

NO 1 COPPERPOT CREDIT UNION WINNERS - FEBRUARY DRAW

- £2,000 - Aidan Coleman, retired.
- £1,000 - Peter Harrison, Lincolnshire.
- £500 - Maureen Littlewood, retired.
- £250 - Barbara Platt, GMP, John Dubbins, North Wales.
- £100 - John Warburton, retired, Ian Lowe, retired, Anil Chauhan, Leicester, Andrew Shaw, Thames Valley, David Turner, relative.
- £50 - Vernon Smith, Thames Valley, Nicholas Kitchen, Leicester, James Hough, retired, Yvonne Cowan, retired, Alan Stagg, retired, Vijay Singh, GMP, Lloyd Wells, Leicester, Peter MacMillan, retired, Joanna Drage, Leicester, Wendy McCormick, GMP, Alan Fowler, retired, Trevor Ashworth, retired, Paul Nield, GMP, Sulin Ratcliffe, GMP, Catherine Adams, GMP.

AND THE WINNERS OF TH

The 2nd Annual Chief Constable's Excellence Awards were presented at a lavish dinner at Manchester's Midland Hotel on Friday February 29. Here we congratulate the winners in the 14 different categories.



Philip Blundell (left) and John Scott from the Post Office

Community Police Officer of the Year

Sponsored by Post Office

PC Philip Blundell has used his excellent communication skills to enlist the support of licensees in Sale in deterring crime and disorder. Initiatives included the relaunch of a Pubwatch scheme and promoting the use of CCTV. He has built up a strong rapport with local pub and club managers.



Gary Etchells (right) with Graham Berville from PMAS

Police Community Support Officer of the Year

Sponsored by Police Mutual Assurance Society

Highly-committed PCSO Gary Etchells works tirelessly for the local community in Stalybridge in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. The depth of local people's appreciation was shown in the support he received after sustaining a near-fatal stab wound in 2006.



Robert (right) with Supt Ian Palmer

Award for Outstanding Leadership

Sponsored by the GMP Senior Officers' Mess

Chief Inspector Robert Lomas has been integral to changes that have taken place on North Manchester Division resulting in improved performance. His personal drive and responsibility has ensured that challenging targets have been met.

Communications Officer of the Year



Sponsored by GMPA

The event was a double celebration for Elaine Blanchard. For she used the special occasion - February 29, Leap Year day - to propose to her long-term partner Simon Henderson. Of course he said 'Yes'.



Police Staff Employee of the Year

Sponsored by Tribal

Ian Chadwick was one of the first PCSOs to be employed by the Force and has taken on exceptional challenges in deprived areas of north Manchester. He has become a well-organised and highly-regarded figure in the community.



Award for Individual Achievement

Sponsored by the Post Office

DS Rocque Fernandes, is a member of the Major Incident Team whose energy, professional knowledge and experience have proved invaluable.



The Messenger Team with John Beckwith (left) from the Forensic Science Service

Award for Partnership Working

Sponsored by Forensic Science Service

Formed in 2006 the 12-strong Messenger Team, a combination of police officers, health and council officials and a children's charity have been successful in tackling the sexual exploitation of children in Oldham.



The Marsh Green team with MEN Editor Paul Horrocks (centre left)

Award for Community Focus

Sponsored by the Manchester Evening News

The Marsh Green area of Wigan was suffering a disproportionate level of crime until the Marsh Green Co-located Team was formed. This multi-agency partnership operates in the heart of the estate, and has received the overwhelming backing of residents.

THE 2007 AWARDS WERE.....

Award for Lifetime Achievement



Sponsored by GMPA

Community Beat Manager PC Marie Hodgkinson worked on the Tameside Division for 30 years and was a constant inspiration to fellow officers.

Brave Officer of the Year



PCs Flatley and Ashcroft



PC David Martin outside the blaze house.

This award was shared between PCs Jonathan Ashcroft and Alison Flatley who faced armed bank robbers, PC David Martin who rescued a man from his blazing home, and the Dedicated Surveillance Unit who took on armed raiders. The five members of the Surveillance Unit did not want to be photographed for operational reasons."

Student Officer of the Year

Sponsored by Tribal

Showing remarkable enthusiasm, PC David Fenton has demonstrated exceptional public service when attending incidents, and while being tutored he attained a level of results that normally take student officers far longer to achieve.



Award for Outstanding Team Performance

Sponsored by the Manchester Evening News

In 12 months, the eight members of D Relief the fight to criminals who use the roads of Greater Manchester to commit crime.



Amanda (centre) with Sungard's Julie Mercer

Award for Outstanding Communication

Sponsored by Sungard Public Sector

Corporate Communication Branch Deputy Director Amanda Coleman has played a central role in ensuring counter terrorism

operations are reported accurately in the media and that communities and partners are kept informed about the Force's successes.

Award for Problem Solving

Sponsored by i2

The Risk and Reward team from Salford Division have an innovative approach and their comprehensive analysis has

helped tackle commercial robbery and workplace violence. The initiative has seen a substantial fall in such robberies.

NO HONOUR IN KILLING

100 officers at culture conference hear of 5,000 murders of women each year

THE horror and complexity of so-called 'honour' murders were visited at a special conference for frontline officers.

Such events, while rare, have very special requirements when being investigated and can be prevented if officers know how to recognise certain developing situations and what to do when faced with them.

More than 100 officers from all divisions were told at the Sedgley Park conference that they are now more likely to have to deal with this type of crime than ever before.

They are murders, predominantly of women, who are killed for actual or perceived immoral behaviour, which is deemed to have breached the honour code of a family or community, causing shame.

ALL CULTURES

Honour Based Violence (HBV) cuts across all cultures and communities and has been seen in Turkish, Kurdish, Afghani, South Asian, African, Middle Eastern, South and Eastern European communities.

Essentially, where a culture is heavily male dominated, HBV may prevail.

The honour code means that women must follow rules that are set at the discretion of male relatives and which are interpreted according to

what each male family member considers acceptable.

Breaking the rules is seen as destroying the good name of the family, and is deserving of punishment at the discretion of male relatives.

In murders, wives are most often killed by their husbands while daughters die at the hands of their fathers.

While victims are primarily female, relatives, including women, may conspire, aid, abet or participate in the killing.

Just the perception or rumour of immoral behaviour may be sufficient to kill and younger members of a family may be selected to undertake the killing, to avoid elders being arrested.

Det Supt Sam Haworth from the Serious Crime Division said: "Front line officers are more likely to have to deal with this type of crime so it is important that they gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding it."

5,000 VICTIMS

"What has been learned by officers at this conference should be taken back to their divisions and spread amongst colleagues who will in turn be better able to recognise some of these issues and deal with them appropriately."

Det Supt Martin Bottomley said: "It is estimated that internationally 5,000 women are victims of honour killings every year and in the UK there is certainly a growing profile of honour-based violence."

"We need to be aware about the appropriate response and think about the situation more broadly."

Detective Inspector Jane Little from the Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons Unit addressed the problem of 'forced' marriage which is one that occurs without the valid consent of one or both parties and where duress is a factor.

"Although there is no specific criminal offence of 'forcing someone to marry', criminal offences may nevertheless be committed and the perpetrators could be prosecuted for offences such as threatening behaviour, assault, kidnap, abduction, rape and in the worst case murder," she explained.

Fauzia Khan from the Forced Marriage Unit of the Foreign Office told the conference they dealt with around 400 cases in the UK each year, the majority of which involve people from South Asian families who are well established in this country.

These issues and detailed advice on how police officers should deal with them are available on the Diversity @ GMP page on the Force Intranet.

DOUBLE TROUBLE



By Tariq Munir

PC STACEY Rigby is double trouble for crooks on her patch.

Last year she made more than 100 arrests – twice that of the average officer.

Stacey, 26, a response officer in the Bolton East area who joined GMP four years ago has now been presented with an award for her remarkable efforts.

The Matt Dyson Trophy - awarded annually to an officer showing significant dedication to duty - was presented by Doreen Ingram in memory of her son, an Astley Bridge-based officer who died suddenly in 1990 aged 26.

Stacey's work links with warrant officers to trace and arrest people who have failed to report at court and she has also been involved in a number of high-profile operations aimed at reducing youth nuisance, vandalism, prostitution and kerb-crawling.

Chief Supt Dave Lea said: "She is a real role model and her amazing 102 arrests last year have helped to make Bolton a safer, crime-free town for everyone to enjoy."

Cape of Good Hope



EIGHT specialist police trainers have jetted out to South Africa to teach 1,200 people the art of neighbourhood policing.

The project came about following a visit to the UK last year by government officers from KwaZulu Natal along with their colleagues from the South Africa Police Service.

They were looking to engage a community policing training programme to facilitate a volunteer project which will in turn feed into the policing of the 2010 Football World Cup.

GMP's reputation preceded it and the visitors described the Force's training ability as 'world class'.

Insp Andrea Quinton from Sedgley Park said: "We customised a two-week training product for their needs and sent out eight of our trainers - constables and sergeants in two groups of four - earlier this year to train 600 volunteers on each session."

"Specifically, they were trained in the sort of work now carried out by our PCSOs, with an emphasis on community engagement."

"This is the first programme of its kind in South Africa and its government is promoting it nationally to demonstrate how proud they are of the liaison with GMP."

"If it is successful it may be rolled out to other provinces and should that happen it would be likely that we would continue to be involved."

"This has been an incredible development and motivational opportunity for our staff and an excellent chance for them to represent GMP in an ambassadorial role."

The training programme included patrol skills, intelligence gathering, human rights and equality, health and safety, phonetic alphabet, note taking and statement writing, reflective practice, ethics, team building, problem solving, low level project management and general community engagement.

All travel and accommodation costs were funded by the South African government.

Call me irresponsible

by Sgt Steve Croft

A HOLIDAYMAKER from Leeds was steering his narrowboat along a canal in south Manchester when he felt peckish.

Short of a restaurant guide for the area he picked up his mobile and dialled 999 for advice.

Out of money after a night out, a couple rang the emergency number to see if the police could give them a lift.

One man called to complain his kebab had burned the inside of his mouth.

Calls like these are received several times a day and dangerously interrupt the vital service provided by police Operational Communications branches.

Abuse of the 999 system is endemic across the country but now GMP is leading the way in tackling the problem.

New research showed the Force was receiving a massive 150,000 nuisance calls each year – five per cent of the total.

But further analysis showed that a very large number were repeat callers and plans were laid to target them.

Several of the callers were found to have specific issues that were leading them to behave as they did, and they were all dealt

with on an individual basis.

One 49-year-old woman who rang in an incredible 3,000 times - usually hurling abuse - was eventually jailed after ignoring numerous warnings.

But another, a man with dementia, was dealt with using PCSOs working with local shops to limit his access to alcohol and arrange with social services for increased care.

This groundbreaking work to stamp out the worst pests has led to a 60 per cent reduction of 'repeater' calls, been recognised as best practice by the Policing Improvement Agency and will form the basis of a national approach to the problem.

Inspector Ann Buckley of the Operational Communications Branch explained: "No-one in the UK had really analysed nuisance 999 calls before and when we did we soon realised that many were made by a small number of repeat callers, each with a unique set of personal circumstances.

"As each caller is so different, a 'one-size-fits-all' policy wouldn't work so, in partnership with neighbourhood policing teams, we used a case-by-case approach involving a wide range of other agencies to ensure that the response was right."



Deal of the century

RECRUITMENT began this month for more than 100 extra officers thanks to a ground-breaking three-year budget deal with the Greater Manchester Police Authority.

The 2008-2011 Council Tax precept agreement means that 104 new officers will be heading for community policing duties.

Meanwhile, a review of headquarters branches has brought efficiencies to specialist roles which will allow the release of a further 96 officers back to local divisions.

Acting Chief Constable Dave Whatton said: "Neighbourhood Policing is at the heart of what we are

trying to achieve in fighting crime and protecting people.

"We know that people have already seen a difference but they quite rightly want even more support from their local police officers.

"This input of 200 police officers into communities will make a real difference to people's lives."

GMP MOVIE

GMP has been asked to help boost the viewing figures of a new movie.

While it will never trouble the Oscars panel it could be of some use to those involved in meeting external partners such as residents, young people, local businesses or Crime and Disorder Reduction Panels.

The DVD has been made by the Police Authority and sets out to explain what they do.

Copies of the short film have been sent to all divisional commanders and are also available by email request to donna.bell@gmpa.gov.uk or calling 0161 793 3092.

PENSIONS CHANGE

CHANGES in the police staff pension contributions made by members of the Greater Manchester Pension Fund will come into place from April 1.

At present, all members pay either five per cent or six per cent of their wage irrespective of their earnings.

But from next month contributions will be on a variable rate – from 5.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent, increasing in line with the level of pay.

People with queries about the changes should contact the Force Pensions Unit on extension 61247.

Those wishing to check they have paid the correct amount after receiving their April pay slip should contact the Payroll Section within the Finance Branch, by e-mail at LGPS.Questions@gmp.police.uk and a reply will be sent.

NO SURPRISES FOR JENNY

Girl could die from TV shock

BRIGHT-eyed schoolgirl Jenny Lloyd is one for a quiet life.

For too much excitement could be fatal.

The 10-year-old looks a picture of health but suffers from a rare condition that can cause the rapid shut down of her major organs.

Polyglandular Addison's Disease prevents the body producing the adrenaline that allows people to cope with emotional or physical stress.

In Jenny's case – one of only a tiny handful known of in the country – it also leads to rapid organ shutdown which, unless treated immediately, could cause her death.

And it could be triggered by something trivial to most of us such as a sudden shock, a startling sequence on TV or over-exertion at netball practice.

Mum Amanda, the longest serving nurse at GMP's

Occupational Health Unit at Sedgely Park with 11 years in post, said: "When she first became ill nearly four years ago after a holiday in Malta no-one realised what the problem was.

"One of the symptoms is a darkening of the skin but because we had arrived back from abroad it looked like a suntan.

"She had caught a virus which spread through her body damaging her adrenal gland, thyroid, bowel, heart and kidneys, and leaving her with this condition.

"She was in terrible pain and her weight dropped to just two stones at the age of seven.

"Fortunately she was diagnosed at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and whenever she shows signs of having an episode we are on the phone and

head straight there."

Jenny, who is now on full-time medication, has spent so much time at the Endocrine Unit she has set up her own fund - Jenny's Pennies - which has so far raised £2,800 through craft fairs and other events, including one on Mothers' Day at her local church.

While Addison's Disease affects 8,000 people in the UK, the vast majority are adults and the polyglandular variety is extremely rare.

"As so few people have the condition we have been unable to learn from other people's experiences as to how best to help Jenny," said Amanda, 44. "The more we can learn the better assistance we will be able to provide.

"She leads as much a normal life as possible, going to school and spending time with friends, but wherever she is there has to be someone with her who knows



Photo: Bill Morris

Therapy at home: Jenny with mum Amanda

what to do should an episode begin.

"The fund raising was entirely her idea but if anyone in GMP

wants to get involved they only need to contact me via e-mail at the Occupational Health Unit or on my mobile, 07962 081712."

Traffic PCSOs on track to cut road deaths

TWO YEARS ago more than a fifth of all anti-social behaviour complaints from the public involved motor vehicles.

A staggering 27,000 incidents annually were reported across Greater Manchester involving off road motorcycles and they

resulted in seven deaths in one year.

But the latest statistics show that the number of complaints has now more than halved to 13,000 and there have been just two deaths.

This success has been led by a campaign involving the latest unit

to be added to the Traffic Network Section, the 36-strong team of Traffic Police Community Support Officers based at Eccles and Chadderton.

The traditional role of police traffic wardens was phased out under a decriminalisation scheme which saw them replaced over an

eight-year period by local council-employed parking attendants.

The Force retained a reduced number of traffic wardens to deal with issues of unnecessary obstruction, speed enforcement and traffic management at large events.

It was clear however that the Community Support Officer powers to deal with anti-social behaviour would be a worthwhile addition to their powers, so a process was undertaken to convert all GMP's traffic wardens to become Traffic PCSOs

LIFE AND DEATH

This has strengthened their powers significantly and they are making a life and death difference not least among the young people risking both themselves and others on their motorbikes.

The 'Stop Off-Road Nuisance Campaign' also involved Traffic Network Section's highly trained off-road motorcyclists and Neighborhood Policing Teams using various problem-solving

techniques in hotspots and working closely with communities.

Chief Inspector Haydn Roberts, head of the Traffic Network Section, said: "After the creation of the PCSO role, it was recognised that combining the role of Traffic Warden and PCSO would be the ideal tool to give our wardens the powers to tackle anti-social vehicle use within communities while maintaining our focus on the reduction of serious collisions on the roads.

"Training was carried out in 2007 and results have shown they have become an invaluable resource in the battle against anti-social behavior."

Traffic PCSOs can be distinguished from their PCSO colleagues by their white caps or hats, and the word 'Traffic' on their epaulettes. They use various vehicles to carry out their duties, including liveried police cars, community concern speed vans, ANPR vehicles and marked scooters.



Memories of cup winner Chris to aid soccer kids

TRAGIC Chris Maclure has left a sporting legacy for youngsters in his home town.

The 21-year-old soccer-mad PCSO was killed when his bicycle was in collision with a lorry while he was on patrol.

Instead of flowers for his funeral, his family asked for donations to be made to a special fund set up in his memory.

It initially raised more than £1,300 which was handed over to the Wigan and District Youth Football League.

But the Chris Maclure Foundation is now set to help young people for many years to come.

It has been adopted as the Youth League's 'charity of choice' and funds raised annually from various events will be channelled through it to provide subsidies for those who want to train as coaches or referees.

Chris's dad, Don, a retired Merseyside officer, said: "Chris loved football and had been involved with the

League for several years. However, it was clear it lacked a structured internal coaching system.

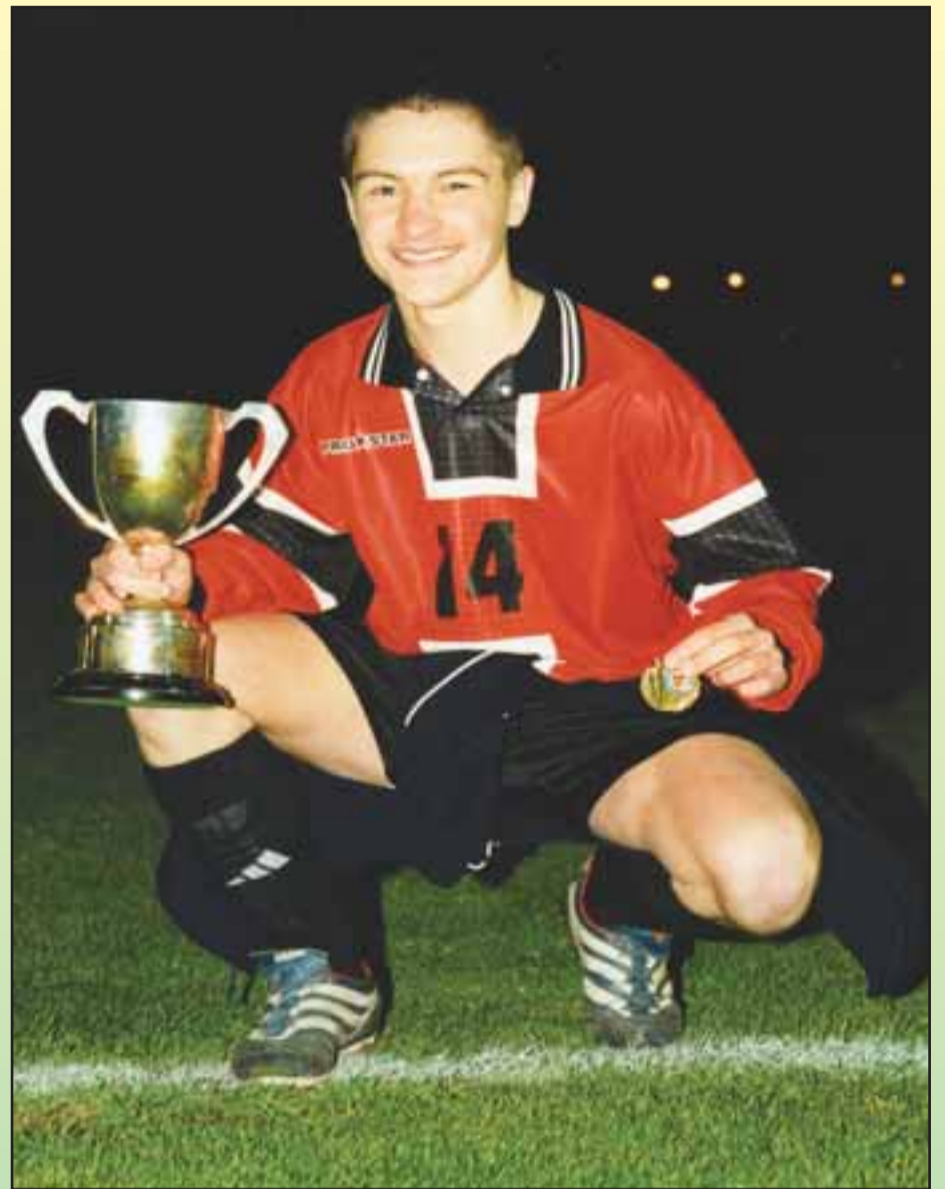
"It was his passion, so we thought it best to ask people not for flowers which perish within days, but to put some money towards something of which he would have been proud."

Chris, a devoted Everton fan from Ashton-in-Makerfield, died instantly in the accident last September at the junction of Atherton Road and Leigh Road, Hindley Green, Wigan.

Based at Bamfurlong police station, he had been working for GMP for less than eight months.

In 2002 he was in the Byrchall High School side that won the Wigan Schools Cup and the same year played for Golborne who were victorious in the Under 16s Knockout Cup in which he scored the winning goal in the Final.

His family has bought a new cup for that event which is being renamed the Chris Maclure Trophy.



Chris, pictured (right) at the age of 16 after winning the Wigan Schools Cup for Byrchall High School.



Charity bash up and running for Chris & Mel

PC CHRIS Angold donned his best bib and tucker to go the extra mile to raise cash for charity.

And his wife will be along for the ride to add her four penneth.

The couple embarked on a two-pronged attempt to raise cash for Breast Cancer Research and Christie Hospital.

Chris's wife Melanie had to leave GMP following a serious road accident and then, while training to be a teacher, was struck down with breast cancer at the age of 31.

She bravely endured surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy and continuing medication.

Last year, as part of the healing process, they decided to throw a big party - but it escalated into a full-blown charity dinner with Melanie as the guest of honour and raised more than £15,000.

Now they have hosted a second black-tie fund-raiser - this time in the Grand Ballroom at Haigh Hall, Wigan, for 180 guests.

Earlier this month Chris, 38, a crime

evaluator at Grey Mare Lane where the couple first met, completed the London Marathon to raise even more money.

"I got cramp after 15 miles and had to walk for an hour but I got around," he said. "It was my third marathon and probably the most satisfying. I enjoyed talking to people and sponsors during the time I was walking."

"It's been a difficult period since Melanie became ill, but she has had wonderful care and is improving, so it is good to give something back."

He has created a sponsorship web page for anyone wanting to contribute to the causes at www.justgiving.com/christopherangold

HOME RUN

Meanwhile, Londoner Rue Jones headed home to raise cash for the Bolton Hospice.

The Field Intelligence Officer based at Swinton who transferred from the Met seven years ago ran in what was his first marathon with his partner, Debra, who works for the hospice.

"Through her I have got an insight into what they do and it is obviously very worthwhile," he said.

"Also, my father died of lung cancer last November so I wanted to do something for cancer care. Unfortunately, he died the day after I got notice that I had been picked in the ballot to run the race and I didn't get a chance to tell him.

"It currently costs £2.1 million a year to run the Hospice and just 35 per cent of their requirement is covered by an NHS Grant. This means that the remainder of their costs - £1.2 million - has to be raised through the generosity of local people and businesses."

Rue has also created a sponsorship web page at www.justgiving.com/ruejones

Bob and Dave dart in at the double

GMP HOSTED the North West Regional Police Sport UK Darts Championships Final against Cheshire at Hardy Hall, Bolton.

The men's doubles was won by Bob Hilton (Stockport) and Dave Rees (Armed Crime Unit) who beat Russ Arpino (Altrincham) and Rick Darby (HQ) 3-2 in

the semi final and Cheshire pairing of Alex Leigh and Kurt Frobisher 3-0 in the final.

The ladies doubles was won by Lynne Smith (Wythenshawe) and her daughter Natalie (Bradford Park).

The ladies singles was won by Alison Hacker (Trafford AOR) who beat

Angela Hase (Cheshire) in the semi final and Lynne Smith (Wythenshawe) in the final.

The mixed doubles was won by Russ Arpino (Altrincham) and Lynne Smith (Wythenshawe) who beat Rick Darby (HQ) and Natalie Smith (Bradford Park) in the semi and Kurt Frobisher and Angela Hase

of Cheshire 3-0 in the final.

The only event that GMP did not win was the men's singles which was won by Alex Leigh (Cheshire) who overcame Graham Metcalfe (Cheshire) 3-2.

All the winners will now represent the North West region in the national finals in Norfolk in May.